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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SECURITY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS

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WITH REGARD TO SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA, CONSULTATIONS THROUGHOUT JULY 26 BETWEEN THE FIVE AND TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR SALIM, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE AFRICAN GROUP AND SWAPO, HAVE RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

(A) AFRICAN AND SWAPO ACCEPTANCE OF THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION WITHOUT AMENDMENT; CONFIDENTIAL

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(B) AFRICAN AND SWAPO ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENABLING RESOLUTION WITH ONE AMENDMENT: THE ADDITION AT THE END OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO (SEE REFTEL) OF THE WORDS "IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 385 (1976)". (OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TWO NOW READS: "FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUBMIT AT THE EARLIEST DATE A REPORT CONTAIN-

ING HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 385 (1976)." THE FIVE AGREED TO THIS CHANGE ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NO ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO EITHER RESOLUTION WOULD BE REQUIRED. SALIM GAVE THAT ASSURANCE. (MAURITIUS AMBASSADOR RAMPHUL LATER ADDED IN HIS MISCHIEVOUS WAY THAT THIS IS THE ONLY AMENDMENT WHICH THE AFRICANS AND SWAPO REQUIRE BUT THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR OTHERS.)

- (C) THE AFRICANS AND SWAPO AGREED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD MEET IN FORMAL SESSION THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 27, AND THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL CAN BE CONCLUDED THAT SAME DAY. (AN INFORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATION -- SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 AM JULY 27 -- WILL PRECEDE THE FORMAL SESSION.)
- (D) THERE IS ALSO AGREEMENT BY THE AFRICANS AND SWAPO THAT THE VOTE ON THE ENABLING RESOLUTION WILL PRECEDE THAT ON THE WALVIS BAY RESOLUTION. BOTH RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE INTRODUCED WITHOUT SPONSOR BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT. THERE IS NOT YET AGREEMENT ON WHETHER THE VOTES WILL PRECEDE THE DEBATE. SALIM INFORMED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP HAD REACHED NO CONSENSUS ON THIS. RAMPHUS SUBSEQUENTLY STATED THAT THE AFRICANS WOULD INSIST THAT THE DEBATE TAKE PLACE FIRST, BUT NIGERIAN DELEGATION LEADER, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA, BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT THE VOTING SHOULD GO FIRST. GARBA SHARES OUR CONCERN OVER THE LIKELY IMPACT OF SPEECHES BY SWAPO AND PIK BOTHA PRIOR TO THE VOTING. IN ADDITION, BOTHA'S RIGHT TO SPEAK COULD STILL BE CONTESTED. AT A MEETING OF THE WESTERN FIVE THIS AFTERNOON WITH SECRETARY VANCE, UK FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, AND CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JAMIESON PRESENT, IT WAS DECIDED THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SEE THAT THE VOTE PRECEDES ANY STATEMENTS OR DEBATE. THE FIVE ARE NOW PURSUING THIS PROCEDURE. YOUNG

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